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Avera Health Leaders Scholarship:

When I was initially introduced to the Avera Health Leaders Scholarship, I felt a sense of overwhelming opportunity. Ever since I can remember, I have always dreamt about pursuing a career in medicine. As a kid, I idolized both of my parents, saw them as role models and put them on pedestals. More importantly, the goal of becoming a well-educated individual striving to become successful requires a certain mindset. However, upon entering college, I realized that many obstacles are introduced when attempting such a goal. My mom is a Certified Nurse Practitioner, who currently works at the North Central Heart Institute and resides in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She has always enlightened not only the benefits that are achieved in the health field but emphasized the satisfactory element that is obtained from her career. With that said, I am willing to endure any hardship to achieve my goal.

The field of medicine has always been the most intriguing career path that I have ever wanted to pursue. I am currently a second year student who is enrolled at Presentation College in Aberdeen, South Dakota. I am a collegiate athlete, who is double majoring in both Biology (Pre-Med), and Secondary Education with an emphasis in Biology. My ultimate goal, regarding my career, is to enter medical school and become a physician. Moreover, at this point in my life I am also considering dentistry school as well. I currently serve on the Presentation College Football Leadership Counsel. This position opened up a wide-variety of opportunities for me and allowed me to become more involved in the community. Most recently, I helped organize a group of student-athletes, at Presentation College, to take part in the annual 2014 Special Olympics Polar Plunge. Throughout this academic school year, I volunteered at the Kids against Hunger Organization, mentored two fifth grade students through Presentation’s P.C. Pal commitment and volunteered to help landscape Aspire Foundation Inc. In my spare time, I enjoy reading scripture at the Presentation College Catholic church, and taking on additional leadership opportunities. As an illustration, I currently work for Residence Life, as a Resident Assistant. I feel that with the qualities and traits that I possess, either of these careers in the medical field, would sanction me into making a significant impact on the health needs of a wide variety of individuals.

I have always considered myself a natural born leader and I feel that my peers would reiterate this opinion. I was blessed with this God-given talent to instruct a vision upon others while maintaining a sense of well-being. If I were to obtain the Avera Health Leaders Scholarship, my goal to attain a career in the medical field would drastically increase. I would use this scholarship towards the advancement of my education and by doing this I will be able to impact the lives of many individuals in the future. I appreciate the time taken to review my essay.